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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL CONSERVATIVE PARTY CALLS FOR SOMOZA RESIGNATION

SUMMARY: THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION HAS CALLED FOR SOMOZA'S RESIGNATION. OTHER OPPOSITIONISTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO UNSEAT SOMOZA. END SUMMARY

1. THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED NICARAGUAN CONSERVATIVE PARTY (PCN) ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON JANUARY 25 CALLING FOR PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S RESIGNATION. THIS MOVE FOLLOWING THE PCN'S CALL FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HAS BROKEN ITS TRADITIONAL TIMID, COLLABORATIVE POSTURE AND HAS RESTORED ITS ABILITY TO BE TREATED BY OTHER OPPOSITIONISTS AS LEADERS OF A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF NICARAGUAN POLITICAL SENTIMENT. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PCN POSITION IS THAT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AS THE MINORITY PARTY TO PRESS THEIR CASE IN THE CONGRESS.

2. THE KEY PARAGRAPH OF THE COMMUNIQUE IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION STATES: "THE SOMOZA GOVERNMENT IS NOT CAPABLE OF OFFERING JUSTICE NOR ORDER NOR CONFIDENCE. THE PCN DECLARES THAT ONLY THE RESIGNATION
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OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC CAN CONFER A LAST HOPE FOR PEACE AND CONCORD."

3. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL WORK STOPPAGE AND ATTACKS THE GON FOR THE CHAMORRO ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION AND ITS INEFFICIENCY, CORRUPTION AND DISRESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. IT GOES ON TO CALL FOR THE CONGRESS TO MEET FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING

SOMOZA'S RESIGNATION AND SELECTING A NEW PRESIDENT AND CABINET,
WHICH WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD CAN RESTORE CONFIDENCE
AND PREPARE A NEW RESPONSIVE POLITICO-SOCIO-ECONOMIC PLAN.

4. COMMENT: THE PCN WHICH HAS LONG ACTED AS A LOYAL OPPOSITION
HAS FINALLY DECIDED THE TIME WAS RIGHT TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.
THIS WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER POLITICAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR OPPOSITIONISTS
IN THE RESOLVE TO TRY TO UNSEAT SOMOZA.
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